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Patricia is a meticulous advocate with an impressive intellectual background. Prior to coming to the Bar, Patricia enjoyed an academic career, holding posts at Oxford, Cambridge and Brunel Universities, specialising in European and International human rights law. Her doctoral thesis was awarded the Babsybanoo Marchioness of Winchester Thesis Prize by Oxford University for most outstanding thesis in the area of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

She practices in the areas of serious crime, extradition, public law and human rights. Her recent high-profile work includes acting as disclosure counsel in a 10-handed £250m fraudulent trading and corruption case, and being instructed in an appeal against conviction in excess of thirty years old for multiple murder. She is currently a member of the counsel team instructed by the Metropolitan Police responding to the Undercover Policing Inquiry chaired by Sir John Mitting. Patricia is an experienced lecturer and is Editor-in-Chief of *Arlidge, Eady and Smith on Contempt*. She is a member of the SFO Prosecution Panel, and the CPS Fraud, and Serious Crime Panels. She has also been appointed to the list of specialist regulatory advocates to prosecute on behalf of the Health and Safety Executive and the Environment Agency.

Crime

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Business and Regulatory Crime

Patricia is an experienced disclosure counsel and has acted in a number of high-profile, long-running frauds instructed by the SFO, ORR and the police. She has also acted as LPP counsel for the SFO. She is particularly well-suited to complex and/or intricate, document heavy work. Patricia is accustomed to working effectively as part of a large team. Recent instructions include:

- R v W and Others (2016) Disclosure counsel instructed by the Office of Rail and Road in relation to a prosecution brought under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 arising from a death at work.

- R v A and Others (2016) SFO Disclosure counsel in a high-profile 6-handed £5m conspiracy to commit fraud by false representation in the provision of football training schemes.
- R v M and Others (Operation Hornet) (Feb 2015 - July 2016) Disclosure counsel instructed by Thames Valley Police in widely publicised 10-handed £250m fraudulent trading and corruption case involving employees of HBOS and members of the business community.
- R v G and L (2015) Represented one of two defendants (first on indictment) charged with numerous offences under the Consumer (Protection from Unfair Trading) Regulations 2008.

Appellate Crime

- R v B (2013 – 2018) Led junior in complex case of multiple murder, preparing submissions for the Criminal Cases Review Commission;
- R v O (2015) Appeal against sentence in case involving threats to kill (reported at [2015] EWCA Crim 2030);
- R v LMB (2015) Appeal against conviction in a case of domestic violence.

Extradition

Patricia has acted for Judicial Authorities on numerous occasions in relation to both Part 1 and Part 2 cases. Recent contested hearings include:

- Latvia v R (2018) Acting for Judicial Authority in a case involving allegations of fraud, raising issues in relation to passage of time, fugitive status and Article 8 ECHR.
- Latvia v M (2018) Acting for Judicial Authority in a case involving allegations concerning the smuggling of firearms into the UK and raising issues in relation to forum, dual criminality, and passage of time.
- Poland v S (2018) Acting for Judicial Authority in a case involving multiple allegations of theft and perjury raising issues under Article 8 where the Requested Person was the carer of child with disabilities.
- Lithuania v K (2018) Acting for Judicial Authority in a case involving multiple offences of high value VAT fraud raising issues under Article 3 and prison conditions.

Public Law and Human Rights

Inquiries

Since January 2017, Patricia has been a member of the counsel team instructed by the Metropolitan

Police responding to the Undercover Policing Inquiry. She was part of the counsel team involved in the anonymity exercise seeking Restriction Orders over the identities of former members of the Special Demonstration Squad. She is presently tasked to the team preparing for the first tranche of evidential hearings, which will deal with undercover work carried on between 1968 and 1982.

Judicial Review

Patricia takes a particular interest in crime-related public law, especially where human rights issues are involved. She has written on the rights of women prisoners, and on Article 5 ECHR in the context of parole proceedings. In 2015, Patricia was involved in a case concerning the rights of minors being held on remand in prisons for convicted adult offenders in Trinidad and Tobago. She has also acted for the GLD in immigration cases raising issues under Article 6 and 8 ECHR.

Sample cases include:

- *SS and BS v Att-Gen of Trinidad and Tobago and Others* (2015) Instructed in case involving the detention of minors in adult prisons, raising issues under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
- *R (I) v SSHD* (2015) Instructed by the GLD in case involving application for settlement as Tier 1 General Migrant, raising issues under Art 8 ECHR;
- *R (O) v SSHD* (2015) Instructed by the GLD in case involving application for Indefinite Leave to Remain raising issues under Art 8 ECHR;
- *R (H) v SSHD* (2015) Instructed by GLD in case involving refusal to grant EEA residence card on the grounds of subsisting relationship.

Human Rights

Patricia's practice has a significant human rights element, and she has regularly dealt with issues raised under Articles 3, 6 and 8 in the context of her public law, extradition and inquiry work. Patricia has also published in the field of European and International human rights law for a number of years. She has a particular interest in gender-based violence and has written a number of articles on the development of positive duties on states to protect victims of domestic and sexual abuse. In 2011, she delivered at a Strasbourg conference her paper on *A, B and C v Ireland* and abortion rights, which was later published. In 2006, her doctoral thesis was awarded the Oxford University Bapsybanoo Marchioness of Winchester prize for the most outstanding thesis in the area of International Relations with particular reference to human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Sample cases include:

- *Latvia v R* (2018) Acting for Judicial Authority in extradition case involving allegations of fraud, raising issues in relation to passage of time, fugitive status and Article 8 ECHR (see also 'Extradition' above).
- Undercover Policing Inquiry (2017-2018) – Instructed by the Metropolitan Police as part of the counsel team dealing with applications for anonymity for former members of the Special Demonstration Squad, and addressing issues raised under Article 2, 3 and 8 ECHR (see also 'Inquiries' above).
- *SS and BS v Att-Gen of Trinidad and Tobago and Others* (2015) – Instructed in case involving the detention of minors in adult prisons, raising issues under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Media Law

Patricia accepts instructions in all areas of crime relating to news-gathering and the work of journalists. She is Editor-in-Chief of *Arlidge, Eady and Smith on Contempt*, now in its 5th edition.

Patricia is an experienced lecturer and is happy to give seminars to solicitors and news organisations in this field of law.

- Undercover Policing Inquiry (2017-present) – Instructed by the Metropolitan Police as part of the counsel team dealing with:
 - Applications for Restriction Orders under s19 of the Inquiries Act 2005;
 - Submissions on live streaming and the use of live text-based communications in response to the consultation on the administration of evidence hearings.
- *R v R* (2019) – advising on defendant anonymity in a case involving multiple allegations under the Sexual Offences Act 2003.

Publications, Lectures and Training

Publications

Books

Arlidge, Eady and Smith on Contempt (Sweet and Maxwell, 5th edn, 2017) Editor-in-Chief.

Chapters in Edited Books

Redrafting abortion rights under the ECHR: A, B and C v. Ireland in E Brems (ed) *Diversity and European Human Rights: Rewriting Judgments of the ECHR* (Cambridge University Press, 2013).

Defining Rape under the European Convention on Human Rights: Torture, Consent and Equality in C McGlynn and V Munro (eds) *Rethinking Rape Law: National, International and European Perspectives* (Routledge 2010).

Articles

Sir Cliff v BBC: A new era for police investigations? UK Human Rights Blog, 19 July 2018 (<https://ukhumanrightsblog.com/2018/07/19/sir-cliff-v-bbc-a-new-era-for-police-investigations-patricia-londono/>) and The Law Society Gazette 23/07/2018 (<https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/legal-updates/cliff-richard-vs-the-bbc/5066983.article>).

Should sex offence suspects be granted anonymity? New Law Journal (8th September 2017) 13-14.

Human Rights, Positive Obligations and Domestic Violence: Kalucza v Hungary in the European Court of Human Rights (2012) 1 (2) International Human Rights Law Review 339-348.

Developing Human Rights Principles in Cases of Gender-based Violence: Opus v Turkey in the European Court of Human Rights (2009) 9 Human Rights Law Review 657-667.

The Executive, the Parole Board and Article 5 ECHR: Progress within an “Unhappy State of Affairs”? (2008) 67 Cambridge Law Journal 230-233.

Applying Convention Jurisprudence to the Needs of Women Prisoners (2007) Public Law 198-208.

Positive Obligations, Criminal Procedure and Rape Cases [2007] 2 European Human Rights Law Review 158-171.

Lectures

Patricia taught and lectured extensively in the fields of private law, criminal law and human rights for some years. She has also been invited to address conferences in the field of gender-based violence (see ‘Human Rights’ above). Specifically, she has taught and lectured in the following areas:

- International (including the work of the IACHR and ACHPR) and European Human Rights Law;
- Minority Rights in International Law;

- Criminal Law;
- Public Law;
- Criminal Evidence;
- Criminal Justice and Penology;
- Contract Law;
- Trusts

Whilst in academia, Patricia developed and honed the skill of breaking down complex ideas into simple formulations, a skill she continues to employ to great effect in her practice.

Education

LLB (Hons) 2001 (First Class)

MSc, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Oxford University 2002 (Distinction)

D Phil, 'Women, Human Rights and Criminal Justice', Oxford University 2006 (Prize winning)

Membership

Criminal Bar Association

Justice

South Eastern Circuit

Health and Safety Lawyers Association